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Johnson Names Adm. Raborn CIA Chief as McCone Retires

By the Associated Press

Retired Vice Adm. William F. Raborn Jr. headed back for Washington today, this time to become the new chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Raborn, 59, was tabbed for the spot Sunday by President Johnson. He succeeds John A. McCone, the West Coast industrialist who became head of the super-secret agency in 1961.

There have been reports since last December that McCone wanted to return to private life.

The selection of his successor was announced shortly after the President signed the \$1.3-billion school aid bill while spending the weekend at his Johnson City, Tex., ranch.

Returns Today

Raborn, like the President a native of Texas, was on hand.

Asked when the job switch would take place, the President replied that Raborn would return with him to Washington today.

Raborn will leave the vice presidency of Aerojet General Corp. of Pasadena, Calif., to take over his new post. He retired from the Navy in September 1963, after serving as deputy chief of naval operations for research, a job in which he also was based in Washington.

Johnson chose Richard G. Helms, 62, a one-time newspaperman, as Raborn's deputy director. Helms has been deputy director for plans since the CIA was created in 1947. He succeeds Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter.



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WILLIAM F. RABORN

Helms, a native of Saint Davids, Pa., is a 1935 graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

Served 4 Presidents

McCone, 62, has served under the last four presidents. He was deputy to the undersecretary of defense in 1948, undersecretary of the Air Force in 1950-51. He became chairman of the Atomic

Energy Commission in 1958, leaving that spot for the CIA assignment.

Raborn has been a naval aviator and was a command officer in the Pacific during World War II. He was responsible for developing the fleet ballistic missile system, notably the Polaris.

He had been a naval aviator, a gunnery officer, deputy chief of naval operations for air and executive officer of the USS Hancock during the late stages of World War II.

Won Commendation

He was aboard the Hancock on April 7, 1945, when an enemy bomber exploded on the flight deck. Raborn supervised fire fighting and damage-control units in the midst of blinding smoke and large fires.

Nine years later, he was commanding the USS Bennington when it was rocked by explosions which brought injury and death to 220 men. Raborn's action during the catastrophe brought a commendation "for saving many lives and controlling the damage to his ship."

Born in Decatur, Tex., on June 8, 1905, Raborn grew up in Ryan and Marlow, Okla. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1928. He is married to the former Mildred T. Tearrell of Baytown, Tex., and has two children.